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*To the Chairman and Members of the
Coseley Urban District Council.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1954.

Once again I am pleased to be able to record further slight improvements, shown later in this report in statistical form, in the health of the people of Coseley.

The steady decline in the birth-rate, which has been a noticeable feature since the war, has continued. The crude rate has fallen more sharply than in recent years and in 1954 was 14.9 per 1,000 population as against 16.4 in 1953. The standardised rate was 13.7 as against 15.6. In my view this decline is welcome and it is a pity that a similar trend has not occurred universally. The number of still-births was the same as the 1953 figure, 16, and this figure gives a slightly higher rate as a smaller population was involved.

There has been another small but gratifying fall in the crude death-rate, 8.91 per 1,000 population in 1953 and 8.59 in 1954. The standardised rate, has, however, risen a little owing to a slight increase in the area comparability factor. There has been a sharp drop in the infant mortality rate from 39.4 per 1,000 live births in 1953 to 26.1 in 1954. There were 23 deaths of infants under one year of age in 1953 and 13 in 1954. This appreciable fall, while very welcome, should be judged in the light of the small numbers involved, as should the slight rise in the still-birth rate.

Notifications of infectious disease, detailed in Section B of this report have been markedly fewer. 393 original notifications were received during 1954 as against 933 in 1953. There were nearly 500 fewer cases of measles than in 1953 which was a bad measles year. The 1954 figures for other diseases were roughly comparable with

those of the previous year with the exception of those for dysentery. Here there was a five-fold increase of from 3 to 15. I do not think any great significance should be attached to this increase as the majority of notifications came from one doctor of the twenty or so having appreciable numbers of patients in this district.

The incidence of diphtheria, which is discussed in Section B, decreased. Of 31 original notifications, 7 were confirmed. There were no deaths. The incidence of confirmed cases of this disease, 7, is the lowest experienced in the area for 33 years and this, one hopes, does indicate progress. The disease is still, however, a problem for the situation cannot be regarded as being satisfactory until there is no diphtheria whatever. May I remind you that there was a comparatively low incidence in 1950 and that in 1951 there was a severe outbreak. Experience in 1955 up to the time of this report does not suggest a repetition of the 1951 outbreak and a further advance is hoped for.

You will be pleased to note in Section B a further fall in the number of notifications of tuberculosis. This fall was particularly pleasing as the number of notifications includes 7 cases of active disease discovered during a survey of the area carried out by the Wolverhampton Mass Radiography Unit during the year. The policy of granting high priorities for rehousing purposes to those families unsuitably housed has been continued, and it is anticipated that this policy will bear fruit in future years.

As a result of the foreshadowed Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, the emphasis in housing shifted to a more practical consideration of the actual houses needing replacement in the course of a slum clearance scheme. As much of the sanitary inspectors' time as could reasonably be spared for this work was assigned to it, and enough progress in the survey of the area was made to enable an estimate of the number of unfit houses in the area to be made. This number was 2,000. Shortages of technical staff were felt keenly during the year and it became more than ever obvious that extra pay would have to be offered to induce sanitary inspectors to work in your industrial area.

Meat inspection again became your responsibility on 2nd July, 1954, the Ministry of Food relinquishing its responsibility for the slaughter of animals on 29th June. Satisfactory arrangements for ensuring that adequate slaughtering facilities were available for the needs of your area were made. Unfortunately staff shortages and the partiality of the trade for evening slaughter, with attendant evening meat inspection, have further burdened the sanitary inspectors.

The Health Department, in common with other departments, has again been forced to spend a certain amount of time in preparing data to assist in repulsing the now customary unwelcome advances of neighbouring boroughs and of the County Council. These attacks on the integrity of Coseley appear likely to become an annual feature of the local government scene in this district. They involve much waste of time, and, consequently, public money.

Your attention is drawn to Section D in which I have again to report inadequacies in the water supply in certain parts of your district.

Atmospheric Pollution has again occupied much time. The co-operation received from the manufacturers has once more been almost universally good, both with our staff and with that of the National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service. This latter body conducted an examination during 1954 of the works in Coseley, and its engineers gave useful and expert advice. Certain problems of pollution remain in the district ; but in no case is there a problem because the works management will not take action or is disinterested. Money has been spent freely as much of the necessary plant is expensive. In certain cases there has been trouble in obtaining designs of suitable plants and in others delivery has been delayed.

I should like once again to thank all the members of the staff of the Health Department for their loyalty and help. I should like particularly to mention the loyal way in which Mr. Parkes has performed the unreasonably burdensome duties in connection with meat inspection.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. A. GEORGE.

SECTION A.

FACTS CONCERNING THE AREA

Area of District in acres	3,168
Population—1951 Census	34,414
Population—Reg. General's Estimate (mid. 1954)	33,530
Rateable Value at 1.4. 1954	£126,546
Amount of General Rate	22/6 in £
Sum represented by penny rate in year ending 31.3.1954	£542/6/10
No. of houses on Rate Book, September 1954	9,362

VITAL STATISTICS

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year

Births

Number of live births registered in the district
(Reg. General's figures)—251 males, 247 females 498

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate	244	241	485
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	251	247	498

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	14.9
Standardised birth rate (area comparability factor 0.92)	13.7
Number of still births registered in the district (Reg. General's figures)—6 males, 10 females	16
Illegitimate still births	Nil
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population	0.48
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	31.1

Deaths

Number of deaths registered in the district (Reg. General's figures)—163 males, 125 females	288
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	8.59
Standardised death rate (Area comparability factor 1.39)	11.94

Puerperal Deaths

Deaths as a result of pregnancy, child birth or abortion	Nil
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Number of deaths of infants under one year of age

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate		4	9	13
Illegitimate	.....	—	—	—
		—	—	—
	TOTALS	4	9	13
		—	—	—

Infant mortality per 1,000 Live births 26.1

Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate	.....	2	4	6
Illegitimate	.....	—	—	—
		—	—	—
	TOTALS	2	4	6
		—	—	—

Death Rates of Certain Diseases.				<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate per 1,000 pop.</i>
Respiratory Tuberculosis	.....	.....	.....	10	0.29
Other forms of Tuberculosis	.....	.....	.....	2	0.06
Cancer (all forms, including Leukaemia)				61	1.82
Influenza	.....	.....	.....	Nil.	0.00
Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	10	0.29
Bronchitis	.....	.....	.....	22	0.66
Diseases of cardio-vascular system (including Hypertension)	.....	.....	.....	87	2.59
Vascular lesions of nervous system			.....	28	0.83
Violence (including accidents, motor accidents, suicide, homicide, and operations of war)	.....	.....	.....	13	0.39
Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea			.....	1	0.03
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum			.....	5	0.15

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—NOTIFICATIONS

During the year 393 cases of Infectious Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) were notified as below (see also Table X.) :—

Diphtheria	.....	.....	.....	31
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	.....	25
Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	117
Whooping cough	.....	.....	.....	140
Measles	.....	.....	.....	55
Dysentery	.....	.....	.....	15
Erysipelas	.....	.....	.....	2
Food Poisoning	.....	.....	.....	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	.....	.....	5
Poliomyelitis	.....	.....	.....	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	.....	.....	.....	0
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	.....	.....	.....	0

Diphtheria.

There were 31 original notifications of this disease in Coseley during 1954. 7 of these notifications were confirmed in hospital. There were no deaths. As stated earlier in this report, this is the lowest incidence of the disease since 1921.

The age incidence of the disease, compared with that of recent years, was as follows :—

Age Incidence of Confirmed Cases, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954.

YEAR	0-4 YEARS	5-14 YEARS	15 YEARS AND OVER	All ages
1951	12 (20.7%)	38 (65.5%)	8 (13.8%)	58 (100%)
1952	5 (26.3%)	9 (47.4%)	5 (26.3%)	19 (100%)
1953	10 (27.0%)	19 (51.4%)	8 (21.6%)	37 (100%)
1954	1 (14.3%)	4 (57.1%)	2 (28.6%)	7 (100%)

The inoculation history of the 7 confirmed cases is interesting. The pre-school child had not been immunised. 3 of the four school-children had been immunised and the fourth had received one injection ten days before the onset of the disease. Neither of those over school age had been inoculated.

In addition to the confirmed cases, nineteen other persons were found to have positive swabs. The majority of these were children who were in some way connected with four of the confirmed cases. Most of the carriers had been immunised.

The organism found in all but one of the cases was gravis diphtheria.

The records for 1954 are, therefore, encouraging. The situation is, nevertheless, not satisfactory, and it is hoped that the parents of pre-school children will present their children for inoculation in greater numbers than hitherto and that the number of school-children receiving protection will not fall from its present satisfactory level.

Tuberculosis.

43 cases were notified and there were 12 deaths.

NOTIFICATIONS 1950—1954

YEAR	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	REVISED TOTAL
1950	38	30	68	64 (4)
1951	38	26	64	59 (5)
1952	44	35	79	71 (8)
1953	33	21	54	50 (4)
1954	27	16	43	43

The revised totals exclude those patients brought into the district as a result of rehousing by Dudley County Borough in the Parkes Hall area. The figures in parenthesis are the actual numbers of Dudley patients involved. On April 1st, 1954, the Dudley patients returned to Dudley.

7 of the 43 notifications made were as a direct result of a survey of your area by the Wolverhampton Mass Radiography Unit during which 1,713 persons were radiographed.

Our Health Visitors made 660 visits to tuberculosis cases during the year.

The policy of rehousing families in which there is a risk of the spread of tuberculosis or in which it is thought that living conditions of individual patients are unsuitable was again pursued energetically.

Food Poisoning and Dysentery.

There were two isolated cases of food poisoning notified during the year. There were fifteen apparently unconnected cases of dysentery notified, the majority of the notifications being received from one doctor.

SECTION C.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

A list of the Officials of the Health Department will be found at the beginning of this report.

1. (a) Laboratory Facilities.

The District is served by the County Laboratory at Stafford.

Results of certain swabs are given below.

DISEASE	RESULTS		TOTALS
	Negative	Positive	
Diphtheria	2,843	71	2,914
Tuberculosis	255	53	308

(b) Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service is run by the County Council and there is an Ambulance Station situated centrally in this District.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

The Home Nursing Services are provided by the County Council. The residences of the nurses are as follows :—

Midwives.

"My Holme," Rounds Road, Bradley
29, Oliver Crescent, Bradley
87, Ettingshall Road, Coseley
40, Woodcroft Avenue, Tipton
28, Clare Crescent, Lanesfield.

District Nurses.

2, Littleworth Avenue
106, Childs Avenue
8, Havacre Lane.

(d) Hospitals.

The District is served by the following hospitals :—

GENERAL

Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton.
Guest Hospital, Dudley.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Moxley Hospital, Wednesbury.
Bilston Isolation Hospital.
Brierley Hill Isolation Hospital.
Borough Hospital, Wolverhampton.

MATERNITY

Rosemary Ednam, Sedgley.
Women's Hospital, Wolverhampton.

OTHER

The Eye Infirmary, Wolverhampton.

SECTION D.**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA****Water Supply.**

Water is supplied to the district by the South Staffordshire Water Company and by the Boroughs of Wolverhampton and Bilston.

The quality of the water in all areas has been good and twelve analyses in 1954 have all been satisfactory.

There have again in 1954 been inadequate supplies in parts of those areas of your district supplied by the Bilston Water Undertaking. In my opinion there is now ample evidence to support the view that a failure in this water supply system is liable to occur at any time in some part or another of its area. So that the extent of the problem may be realized, I give below a table indicating roughly the relative sizes of the areas served by the three water undertakings :—

Relative Sizes of Water Undertakings in Coseley, 1954.

Water Undertaking	Acreage Supplied	Proportion of total acreage	Houses Supplied (approx.)	Population Supplied (approx.)
S. Staffs.	1501	47%	4900	18,500
Bilston	1232	39%	3600	12,800
W'hampton	435	14%	780	2,750
TOTAL	3168	100%	9280	34,050

Closet Accommodation.

There are still a few houses in the district not connected to the Water Carriage System. This is due to the latter not being readily available. In some cases the houses are too low for the Sewer.

Public Cleansing.

The Health Department is not responsible for this Service and supervision is by the Transport, Cleansing and Stores Committee of the Council.

SECTION E.

TABLES

TABLE 1

DEATHS FROM VARIOUS CAUSES, 1954

	CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	9	1	10
2	Tuberculosis, Other	2	—	2
3	Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	1	1	2
6	Meningococcal Infections	1	—	1
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8	Measles	—	—	—
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—
10	Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	9	6	15
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	10	1	11
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	4	4
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	12	16	28
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	—	2
16	Diabetes	—	1	1
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	13	15	28
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	24	5	29
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	6	—	6
20	Other Heart Disease	18	27	45
21	Other Circulatory Disease	4	3	7
22	Influenza	—	—	—
23	Pneumonia	4	6	10
24	Bronchitis	16	6	22
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	—	4
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	5	—	5
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea	—	1	1
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	—	3
29	Hyperplasia of Prostrate	2	—	2
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—
31	Congenital Malformations	—	—	—
32	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	14	22	36
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	2	2
34	All Other Accidents	3	5	8
35	Suicide	1	2	3
36	Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—
	TOTALS	163	125	288

TABLE II.
DEATHS FROM VARIOUS CAUSES, 1945-1954

	YEAR	POPULATION	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
			30,330	31,420	32,210	33,020	33,480	33,850	34,720	35,170	35,590	33,530
	CAUSE OF DEATH											
1	Heart Disease	.....	61	65	63	54	84	104	104	79	78	74
2	Other Circulatory Diseases	.....	6	6	7	5	6	8	6	4	10	13
3	Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	.....	39	33	47	25	27	28	38	45	44	28
4	Cancer	.....	53	39	55	43	44	48	55	54	51	61
5	Pneumonia	.....	14	11	21	13	13	14	19	20	18	10
6	Bronchitis	.....	28	26	26	30	45	35	35	21	24	22
7	Other Respiratory Diseases	.....	2	5	8	2	—	1	4	—	4	4
8	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	.....	15	20	18	24	17	15	18	10	12	10
9	Other Tuberculosis	.....	4	3	—	1	3	4	4	3	1	2
10	Diabetes	.....	1	3	2	7	1	1	5	1	2	1
11	Peptic Ulcer	.....	—	2	5	1	5	1	9	4	6	5
12	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	.....	13	11	10	11	4	2	4	2	1	1
13	Nephritis, Nephrosis	.....	5	3	5	10	3	2	5	1	7	3
14	Syphilitic Diseases	.....	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15	Congenital Malformations	.....	14	14	16	14	10	4	3	5	3	—
16	Suicide	.....	3	2	2	5	2	6	1	2	3	3
17	Motor Accidents	.....	5	2	3	2	3	2	2	5	5	2
18	Other Violence	.....	7	8	7	8	7	7	15	10	3	8
19	Influenza	.....	3	5	5	2	5	4	10	1	7	—
20	Diphtheria	.....	1	—	2	2	2	—	1	1	3	—
21	Whooping Cough	.....	2	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
22	Measles	.....	3	—	4	—	1	—	1	1	1	—
23	Acute Poliomyelitis	.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
24	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	.....	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
25	Cerebro Spinal Fever and Meningococcal Infections	.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
26	All other causes, defined and ill-defined	.....	49	37	40	28	48	60	63	65	32	38

TABLE III.

QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF DEATHS ARRANGED IN AGE GROUPS 1954

	1st Qtr.		2nd Qtr.		3rd Qtr.		4th Qtr.		Total		Percent- age
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1 year	3	4	1	1	—	1	—	3	4	9	4.6
1—5 years	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	1.7
6—10 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	0.7
11—15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.0
16—25 years	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	0.3
26—35 years	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	1.0
36—45 years	1	2	3	2	—	1	3	2	7	7	4.9
46—55 years	7	6	4	—	5	1	7	1	23	8	10.8
56—65 years	17	6	9	3	9	8	6	5	41	22	21.9
66—80 years	20	16	23	8	14	11	9	7	66	42	37.5
81 yrs. and over	7	10	4	8	2	8	4	5	17	31	16.6
TOTALS	56	44	47	24	30	31	30	26	163	125	100

TABLE IV.

VITAL STATISTICS DURING 1945-1954.

Year	Population Estimate at the middle of each Year	Net Births		Deaths belonging to the District			
		No.	Rate per 1,000 Population	Under 1 yr. of age		At all Ages	
				No.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	No.	Rate per 1,000 Population
1945	30,330	623	20.53	29	46.54	335	11.04
1946	31,420	652	20.74	30	46.01	302	9.61
1947	32,210	690	21.4	35	50.7	349	10.83
1948	33,020	615	19.68	26	42.26	288	8.66
1949	33,480	610	18.82	13	20.83	317	9.46
1950	33,850	582	17.19	28	47.3	347	10.25
1951	34,720	581	16.73	24	41.3	404	11.6
1952	35,170	579	16.46	18	31.1	340	9.67
1953	35,590	584	16.41	23	39.4	317	8.91
1954	33,530	498	14.9	13	26.1	288	8.59

TABLE V.

COMPARISON OF BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, STILLBIRTH
RATES AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES IN COSELEY WITH
THE NATIONAL FIGURES, 1954.

PROVISIONAL FIGURES

	England and Wales	Great Towns	Smaller Towns	COSELEY (Crude and <i>Standardised</i> figures)
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population			
Births :				
Live Births	15.2	15.2	14.9	14.9 13.7
Still Births	23.5 (a)	23.3 (a)	24.0 (a)	31.1 (a)
Deaths :				
All causes	11.3	11.1	11.3	8.59 11.94
	Rates per 1,000 live births			
Deaths :				
All causes under 1 year of age	25.5 (b)	25.2 (b)	26.6 (b)	26.1 (b)
(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.				
(b) Per 1,000 related Live Births.				

TABLE VI.

INFANT MORTALITY IN COSELEY DURING THE YEAR 1954.

DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER ONE YEAR.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under one week	In second week	In third week	In fourth week	Total under one month	1—3 mths.	4—6 mths.	7—9 mths.	10—12 mths.	Total deaths under one year
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
T.B. Meningitis	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Miliary Tuberculosis	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Bronchitis and Pneumonia	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 3	- -	- -	1 4
Measles	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- 1
Congenital Malformations	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Prematurity	1 3	- 1	- -	- -	1 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 4
Other Diseases	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	2 -
TOTALS	2 3	- 1	- -	- -	2 4	1 1	1 3	- 1	- -	4 9

TABLE VII.

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1945-1954

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Diphtheria	1	-	2	2	2	-	1	1	3	-
Whooping Cough	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	5	5	5	4	2	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	3	-	4	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
TOTALS	11	8	11	7	5	-	3	2	4	3

TABLE VIII.
DEATHS IN INSTITUTIONS DURING 1954.

	MALES				FEMALES				TOTAL			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Royal Hospital, W'hampton	4	3	3	3	4	2	1	4	8	5	4	7
Guest Hospital, Dudley	—	2	1	3	—	—	1	1	—	2	2	4
Wordsley Hospital	1	2	2	2	6	1	1	2	7	3	3	4
New Cross Hospital Wolverhampton	1	—	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	4
Infectious Diseases Hospital	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	2	—	—
Others	1	4	1	1	5	2	2	3	6	6	3	4
TOTALS	10	11	8	11	16	8	6	12	26	19	14	23
YEARLY	40				42				82			

TABLE IX.
AGE GROUPS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)—
CONFIRMED (OR PRESUMED CONFIRMED) CASES, 1954

DISEASE	Under 1 year		1-2 years		2-3 years		3-4 years		4-5 years		6-10 years		11-15 years		16-25 years		26-45 years		46-65 years		66 & over		At all ages	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	2	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	14	
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Pneumonia	4	1	3	—	3	3	4	—	1	3	2	—	—	1	—	2	6	9	29	10	10	70	43	
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Whooping Cough	11	8	5	9	8	8	8	14	20	26	10	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	76	
Measles	1	—	1	2	2	6	5	4	7	12	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	30		
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	7		
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

TABLE X.

DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1954

	No. of Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	No. of Cases Revised	No. of Confirmed or Presumed Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	31	31	24	7	—
Scarlet Fever	25	21	1	24	—
Erysipelas	2	2	1	1	—
Pneumonia	117	11	4	113	—
Poliomyelitis	1	1	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	140	13	1	139	—
Measles	55	1	—	55	—
Dysentery	15	2	1	14	—
Food poisoning	2	1	—	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	1	—	5	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	393	84	33	360	—

TABLE XI.

MONTHLY NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1954

MONTHS	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	TOTALS
January	9	—	—	22	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	47
February	2	1	2	9	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	18
March	3	4	—	18	1	—	12	—	1	—	—	—	39
April	—	4	—	5	—	—	17	—	5	—	—	—	31
May	—	2	—	16	—	—	12	—	2	—	—	—	32
June	6	8	—	7	—	—	20	1	—	—	—	—	42
July	—	3	—	5	—	—	13	1	—	1	—	—	23
August	—	1	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	7
September	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	7
October	1	—	—	3	1	—	5	1	5	1	—	—	17
November	6	2	—	10	—	—	20	22	1	1	—	—	62
December	4	—	—	20	—	—	13	30	1	—	—	—	68
TOTALS	31	25	2	117	2	1	140	55	15	5	—	—	393

TABLE XII.
NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS, 1954

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES			TOTAL NEW CASES		DEATHS			TOTAL DEATHS	
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	M.	F.	M.	F.	Non- Pulmonary	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.							
0—1 Years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
6—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11—15	2	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
16—20	—	4	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
21—25	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
26—35	4	2	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—
36—45	6	2	—	6	2	2	—	—	2	—
46—65	13	1	—	13	1	4	—	1	—	1
66 and over	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	26	14	1	27	16	9	—	1	11	1

TABLE X111.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE YEARS 1949-1954

YEAR	D E A T H S				TOTAL DEATHS	
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1949	12	5	3	—	15	5
1950	10	5	2	2	12	7
1951	11	7	3	1	14	8
1952	6	4	2	1	8	5
1953	8	4	—	1	8	5
1954	9	1	2	—	11	1

TABLE XIV.

CANCER DEATHS, 1954—AGE GROUPS AND PARTS AFFECTED

	1-15 years		16-25 years		26-35 years		36-45 years		46-65 years		66 & Over		TOTAL	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Lung and Bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—	2	1	10	1
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	4
Brain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Caecum, Colon, Rectum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	3	4	9	6	6
Pancreas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Leukaemia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	10	3	6	12	16
TOTALS	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	22	14	8	12	33	28

CHART SHOWING PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN COSELEY IN 1954

	CAUSE OF DEATH	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
1	Diseases of Heart & Circulation								87				
2	Cancer and Leukaemia						61						
3	Intracranial Vascular Lesions			28									
4	Bronchitis		22										
5	Violence of all types		13										
6	Tuberculosis		12										
7	Pneumonia		10										
8	Peptic Ulcer		5										
9	Nephritis and Nephrosis		3										
10	Diabetes		1										
11	Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea		1										
12	All Other Causes				45								

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1954

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Coseley Urban District Council.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1954.

During the year we had the transference of the responsibility for Meat Inspection from the Ministry of Food to the Local Authorities, after a period of control and rationing. This aspect of our work has occupied much time in office hours as well as considerable overtime, and the other work of the Department has suffered. The shortage of staff has aggravated the problem.

Atmospheric Pollution has again been a theme with which we have been much concerned. Progress, although slow, has been made and the industrialists have responded to our requirements. I must again mention the role played by the stokers in this campaign for, in my opinion, they could do as much as anyone in keeping the air clean.

In conclusion, I should like to record my thanks to the staff of the Department and the Medical Officer of Health, for their support and interest during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G. H. PARKES.

SECTION F.

GENERAL SUPERVISION

Summary of Inspections and Visits

Atmospheric Observations	54
Bakehouses	24
Complaints'	1,273
Drains Inspected and Tested	143
Dirty Houses	16
Factories	99
Food Preparing Premises	73
Houses Disinfected	93
Houses Disinfested	64
Houses Inspected under Housing Acts (and re-visits)	211
Houses re Lack of Privacy, etc.	3
Infectious Diseases	119
Moveable Dwellings	57
Offensive Trades	52
Pig Keeping	20
Shops re Meat and Other Foods	1,190
Shops re Ice Cream	24
Shops re Fish Frying	56
Slaughterhouses	567
Slaughter on Private Premises (Pigs)	17
Works Ordered	2,967
Works in Progress	1,383
Water Supply (visits and re-visits)	363
Miscellaneous Visits	621

The number of inspections of all kinds was 9,489. The number of complaints dealt with was 1,273 and 4,350 visits were paid in relation to the following up of Notices, etc.

Notices Served.

A total of 628 Notices were served, made up of 369 Informal and 259 Statutory Notices.

SECTION G.

HOUSING ACT, 1936, SECTION II.

The following houses were represented during the year :—

Albert Street, 47, 48.	High Street, 166, 172, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215.
Bourne Street, 5, 6, 7.	Havacre Lane, 35.
Broad Lanes, 20, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 113, 114.	Hallgreen Street, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 77, 78.
Caddick Street, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12.	King Street, 21, 22.
Castle Street, 66.	Lime Street, 25A.
Chapel Street, 53 (portion of)	Millfield Road, 88.
Chell Street, 22, 23, 24, 25.	Pear Tree Lane, 5.
Cross Street, 97, 98.	Queen Street, 18.
Dale Street, 1, 2, 3, 4.	Vernon Street, 4, 5, 6.
Edge Street, 55.	Withy Lane, 54, 55.

Houses on which demolition orders were made :—

Albert Street, 47, 48.	High Street, 166, 172, 217, 219.
Bourne Street, 5, 6, 7.	Highfields Road, 141.
Broad Lanes, 20, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 113, 114.	Havacre Lane, 35.
Birmingham New Road, 12, 14.	Hallgreen Street, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 77, 78.
Caddick Street, 11 (closing order).	King Street, 21, 22.
Castle Street, 66.	Lime Street, 25A.
Coppice Court, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	Millfield Road, 88.
Cross Street, 97, 98.	Queen Street, 18.
Dale Street, 1, 2, 3, 4.	Stanleys Lane, 6, 7, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.
Hall Lane, 37.	Withy Lane, 54, 55. Vernon Street, 4, 5, 6.

Houses demolished due to action taken :—

Albert Street, 37, 38.	Stanleys Lane, 10.
Bourne Street, 5, 6, 7.	Summerhouse Road, 15.
Duck Street, 4.	Union Street, 13, 14.
High Street, 149.	Wallbrook Street, 22, 23, 24, 25.
Hurst Road, 37.	Walter Street, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19.
Lorne Street, 5, 6.	Withy Lane, 51.
Meadow Lane, 6.	Yew Tree Lane, 5, 6.
Millfield Road, 22A, 23, 24.	

Houses occupied on which demolition orders are operative :—

Bellevue Street, 8.	King Street, 21, 22.
Broad Lanes, 90, 91, 92, 93,	Millfield Road, 88.
94, 95, 96.	Parkfield Colliery, 6.
Chapel Street, 30.	Parkfield Road, 735, 741.
Coppice Court, 4.	Queen Street, 18.
Cross Street, 97, 98.	Regent Street, 82, 83.
Dale Street, 1, 2, 3, 4.	Stanleys Lane, 7, 26, 27.
Hallgreen Street, 77, 78.	Upper Ettingshall Road, 13.
Havacre Lane, 35.	Vernon Street, 4, 5, 6.
Yew Tree Lane, 21.	

Houses unoccupied on which demolition orders are operative :—

Albert Street, 48.	Coppice Court, 1, 2, 3, 5.
Ash Street, 52.	High Street, 166, 172.
Chell Street, 3, 4.	Parkfield Road, 734, 740, 742.
Stanleys Lane, 6, 25, 28.	

Houses having operative demolition orders from which the Occupants have been rehoused :—

Albert Street, 38.	Lime Street, 25A.
Bourne Street, 5, 6.	Queen Street, 53, 55, 56.
Chapel Street, 80.	Regent Street, 82.
Coppice Court, 1.	Rudge Street, 3, 6.
Dale Street, 2, 3.	Stanleys Lane, 6, 25, 28.
Hallgreen Street, 47.	Union Street, 13.
High Street, 166, 219.	Upper Ettingshall Road, 12.
Withy Lane, 54, 55.	

Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954, Part II.

During the year under review 4 Certificates were granted in respect of 4 Applications made under the above mentioned Act, viz :—

Martin Street, 24.	Granted 21st October, 1954.
Pemberton Road, 32, 34.	„ 21st October, 1954.
Hallyard, King Street, 4.	„ 16th November, 1954.

SECTION H.

Inspection and Supervision of Foods.

During the year 567 visits were paid to Messrs. F. A. Gill & Co. Ltd., Bacon Factory, Parkfield Road, and Messrs. J. R. Turner & Sons, High Street, Princes End, and 17 visits were made to private premises on the occasion of pig slaughter.

Details of carcasses inspected and of which the whole or some part was condemned are given as follows :—

	Cattle, excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	413	221	150	4,492	6,507
Number Inspected	413	221	150	4,492	6,507
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	35	49	—	84	152
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	8.5	22.2	—	1.9	2.4
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	8	14	—	—	192
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.2	6.3	—	—	2.9

TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS INSPECTED—11,783

Details of meat condemned from 634 Cattle slaughtered during 1954.

DISEASE	Whole Carcases	Heads	Hearts	Lungs	Livers	Kidneys	Mesenteries and Intestines	Skirts	Stomachs
Tuberculosis	1	8	10	22	8	—	9	2	—
Abscesses	—	—	—	4	14	—	—	—	—
Actinobacillosis	—	5	—	2	6	—	—	—	—
Telangiectasis	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pleurisy	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
Pericarditis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parastic Diseases	—	2	3	8	56	—	1	1	1
Haemorrhagic	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1
Peritonitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
TOTALS	1	15	14	38	92	3	11	6	2

Other parts condemned :—

- 2 Forequarters—Localised Tuberculosis.
- 4 Hindquarters—Bruising, etc.
- 1 Hindquarter—Localised Tuberculosis.
- 1 Sirloin—Localised Tuberculosis.

Details of meat condemned from 4,492 Sheep and Lambs during 1954 :—

DISEASE	Hearts	Lungs	Livers	Kidneys	Spleens
Fascialiasis	—	—	72	—	—
Hydatid Cysts	3	3	12	—	3
Pericarditis.....	3	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	3	84	—	3

Details of meat condemned from 6,507 Pigs slaughtered during 1954 :—

DISEASE	Whole Carcases	Heads	Hearts	Lungs	Livers	Kidneys	Spleens	Mesenteries and Intestines
Tuberculosis	1	192	17	43	40	2	24	6
Pleurisy	—	—	5	63	15	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	1	79	1	—	—	—
Pericarditis	—	—	88	—	—	—	—	—
Hydronephrosis	—	—	—	—	—	69	—	—
Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	1	27	—	—	—
Cirrhosis, Hydatid Cysts, etc.....	—	—	—	7	12	2	1	1
Abscesses	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Emaciation (Pathological)	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Septicaemia	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
TOTALS	3	194	113	195	100	77	27	9

Other parts condemned :—

- 5 Forequarters—Localised Tuberculosis.
- 2 Shoulders—Localised Tuberculosis.
- 1 Hindquarter—Localised Tuberculosis.
- Udder of Sow—Mastitis.

Ice Cream.

During the year 24 visits were made to Ice Cream premises. We have no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district. All our shops are supplied by manufacturers outside this area.

Milk (Special Designation Regulations, 1949.

During the year the following Licences were issued :—

Tuberculin Tested	20
Sterilised	108
Pasteurised	25

Fish Fryers.

During 1954, 56 visits were made to the 28 Fish Frying premises
We always found the fish, etc., to be clean and of good quality.

Other Foods Condemned.

	<i>Tins</i>		<i>Tins</i>
Apple Sauce	6	Luncheon Meat	1
Apricots	3	Milk (Evaporated).....	15
Beans in Tomato	7	Milk (Full Cream)	1
Beef with Cereals	2	Oranges	3
Beef Loaf Minced	1	Peas.....	11
Bilberries	3	Pears in Syrup	1
Cream of Chicken Soup.....	3	Pineapple	7
Cream (Whipped)	1	Plums	1
Fruit Salad	5	Sardines in Oil	23
Grapefruit	2	Shrimps	16
Greengages	1	Stewed Steak	1
Herring Roes (Soft)	83	Tomatoes	2
Herring Roes (Hard)	56	Vegetable Salad	1

The list of samples taken in the Coseley Area during 1954, as
submitted by the Staffordshire County Council, is as follows :—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Milk.

Milk Pasteurised	20
Milk Sterilised.....	22
Milk T.T. Pasteurised	19
Milk T.T.	2
	—
TOTAL	63
	—

The above 63 samples were all genuine

General Foods.

Number of samples submitted	45
Number of samples genuine	45

Classification of General Foods.

Biscuit Flour
Blackcurrant Conserve
Cake Mix
Chicken Spread
Cocoa
Concentrated Tomato Juice
Cooking Fat
Creme-de-Menthe Ice Cream
Cube Sugar
Custard Powder
Demerara Sugar
Drinking Chocolate
Fish Paste Salmon & Shrimp
Flour of Sulphur
Fruit Salad in Syrup
Golden Gingerbread
Gravy Browning
Ground Almonds
Ground Arrowroot
Ground Nutmegs

Health and Liver Salts
Icing Sugar
Indian Brandee
Kidney Soup (2 samples)
Lard
Mixed Spice (2 samples)
National Plain Flour
Orange Juice
Orchard Fruits
Peach Jam FFS.
Pickled Beetroot
Pork Luncheon Meat
Pork Sausage
Pure Ground Coffee
Raspberry Jam
Ready Mix Pudding
Rum (2 samples)
Self Raising Flour (2 samples)
Stewed Steak
Tea (2 samples)

SECTION I. PESTS ACT, 1949

Sewers.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, 70 sewer manholes were test baited out of which only 3 had to be rebaited and then poison baited. Two of the three poison baited had complete takes and one had a small take.

Dwelling Houses.

215 houses were visited in regard to complaints of rats and 82 of mice. 1,033 visits were paid to these houses regarding treatment.

Business Premises.

Post and test baitings have been made at business premises, and when required full treatments have been carried out.

Council Owned Properties.

Tips, brook courses, etc., have been post baited and, when found necessary, the necessary treatments have been applied.

Private House Drains.

28 Drains were opened by this Department, and on two occasions the gully emptier had to be engaged. Payment was made for these. 6 others were rodded without results and no charge was made.

Atmospheric Pollution.

Atmospheric Pollution is a subject that calls for much attention, knowledge and application. The time that can be given to this problem by a Health Department is rather small unless staff is employed specifically for the purpose.

Furthermore, the present legislation, in my opinion does not go far enough. It will be interesting to see what powers will be given to Local Authorities under the proposed new legislation.

At the present time our approach is one of peaceful negotiation. This would be more effective if we could use force should it be required.

I would like to record our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Starbuck, Chief Analyst of Messrs. Stewart & Lloyds, and to his staff, for their continued interest in carrying out the Lead Peroxide and Deposit Gauges Analyses.

DEPOSIT GAUGES

1954 Average Incidence of Deposited Matter—Tons per sq. mile



LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGES

1954 Average incidence of Sulphur Dioxide in the Air,
in Grams per 100 sq. centimetres.



Disinfestations.

The Department is at all times willing to give advice on the destruction of the various insect pests. We are also, as far as is practicable, willing to treat any premises infested brought to our knowledge.

During the year, 64 houses were disinfested for bed-bugs, ants, cockroaches, etc.

Disinfections.

The total number of premises disinfected during the year was 93.

SECTION J.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	44	5	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	90	79	1	Nil.
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL	105	123	6	Nil.

2.—Cases in which **Defects** were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	3	5	Nil.	2	Nil.
Overcrowding	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Unreasonable temperature	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Inadequate ventilation	1	3	Nil.	2	Nil.
Ineffective drainage of floors	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	5	Nil.	3	Nil.
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL	6	13	Nil.	7	Nil.

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
	No. of inspections in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making, etc., Cleaning and Washing)	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carding, etc. of buttons, etc.	109	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL	110	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

